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1. AMB DORON, IN CHARGE ISRAELI MISSION TO UN DURING AMB TEKOAH'S CONFINEMENT TO HOSPITAL, CALLED ON ME AT NOON NOV 8 AT HIS REQUEST. HE HAD HEARD RUMORS THAT NON-ALIGNED WERE PRESSURING SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JANKOWITSCH TO CALL MEETING OF COUNCIL AND THAT FRENCH, AS SPOKESMEN FOR WE'S, WERE DOING LIKEWISE. DORON SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION SERIOUS PROGRESS BEING MADE "IN THE AREA". HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF I COULD COMMUNICATE TO YANKOWITSCH AND PERHAPS TO EGYPTIANS AS WELL THAT MEETING NOW COULD INTERFERE WITH MORE PROMISING EFFORTS OCCURRING ELSEWHERE. SPEAKING IN CONFIDENCE, DORON SAID GOI NOT NOW IN EASY POSITION AND THAT ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION OF KIND "SURE TO EMERGE" FROM SC COULD COMPLICATE SITUATION.

2. I TOLD DORON I EXPECTED WORD MOMENTARILY FROM DR. CONFIDENTIAL

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KISSINGER ABOUT PROGRESS BEING MADE IN AREA. I TOO WISHED TO AVOID SC MEETING THAT MIGHT COMPLICATE SITUATION. I WOULD CALL YANKOWITSCH AGAIN TO REITERATE US VIEW.

3. I TOOK OCCASION TO TELL DORON THAT I UNDERSTOOD ISRAELIS WERE TAKING A HARD LINE ON UNEF MATTERS, INCLUDING BOTH PARTICIPATION AND DEPLOYMENT QUESTIONS. I CITED SOME OF POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL TO MAKE CLEAR WE HAD SOME FACTS. DORON REJOINED THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN DISCUSSING THESE QUESTION SIWTH SYG AND THAT IT HIS IMPRESSION THAT "THINGS ARE MOVING". HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN CONFUSION ABOUT ITINERARY OF IRISH CONTINGENT BUT EVERYTHING NOW SETTLED. PROGRESS ALSO BEING MADE ON "INTERPOSITON" ISSUE. UNEF ELEMENTS WERE ALREADY INTERPOSED BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES IN CERTAIN PLACES BUT PRACTICAL PROBLEMS, SUCH AS UNMAPPED MINE FIELDS, EXISTED ELSEWHERE. STILL UNDER DISCUSSION WITH SIILASVUO IS LOCATION OF REAR BASE. SIILASVUO WANTED ELARISH WHILE ISRAELIS HAD SUGGESTED ASHKELON OR BEERSHEBA. ISRAELIS WERE GIVING LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO UNEF AS PRACTICABLE, BUT COULD NOT SUPPLY EVERYTHING AT ONCE.

4. WHILE REITERATING HIS VIEW THAT "THINGS ARE MOVING", DORON WAS UNYIELDING ON "POINT OF PRINCIPLE" THAT CONTINGENT OF NO COUNTRY THAT HAD BROKEN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL COULD SERVE ON ISRAELI SIDE. WE REMONSTRATED, EMPHASIZING THAT THIS POSITION DIFFICULT TO SUSTAIN IN NEW YORK AND INCONSISTENT WITH REALITY THAT COUNTRIES SUCH AS GHANA, INDONESIA, KENYA, LIBERIA AND IVORY COAST NOT REALLY "HOSTILE" TO ISRAELIS. I SAID I COULD READILY UNDERSTAND THAT ISRAEL MIGHT WISH TO DRAW THE LINE AT POLAND, BUT I URGED THAT ISRAELIS MAKE "AT LEAST SOME MOVE TO SHOW GOODWILL" TO AVOID HELL TO PAY IN SECURITY COUNCIL.

5. ISRAELI MISSION IS PROVIDING US WITH TEXT OF TALKING PAPER FROM WHICH DORON SPOKE TO WALDHEIM. WILL CABLE SOONEST.
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